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THE PITT DIAMOND.

Its Varied Career After It Became the Property of France.

The Pitt diamond was first employed, after it became one of the crown jewels of France, in the ornamentation of the crown that was made for the coronation of King Louis XV. In 1722. In 1791 it was entered in an inventory of crown jewels that was compiled by order of the national assembly during the revolution, and it was deposited at the Garde Meuble after the assembly had determined to sell it if a buyer at a suitable price could be found, but no offer was made, and so it happened that in September it was stolen with other jewels by a band of men who broke into the Garde Meuble. It was secreted by the thieves in a hole in the timber work of a garret in a low lodging, and there it remained some time. It was at length discovered by the republican authorities and deposited in the national treasury.

It was not again disturbed until 1804, when it was set in the pommel of the sword which Napoleon wore when he crowned himself emperor at Notre Dame, in Paris. The Empress Marie Louise carried it off with other crown jewels to Blois after the Emperor Napoleon was banished to Elba, but her father, the Emperor Francis of Austria, obtained it from her and sent it to Louis XVIII. That king on Napoleon's return from Elba fled with it to Ghent, but after Waterloo returned with it to Paris. In 1830 the diamond was used by King Charles X. at his coronation, but since then it has not been employed at any ceremonial, and it remains in safe custody at the Louvre.—"Memories of Madras."

LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE.

Countless Worlds in Space May Be Inhabited.

The fact that, so far as we have yet been able to learn, only a very small proportion of the visible worlds scattered through space are fitted to be the abode of life does not preclude the probability that among hundreds of millions of such worlds a vast number are so fitted. Such being the case, all the analogies of nature lead us to believe that, whatever the process which led to life upon this earth, whether a special act of creative power or a gradual course of development, through that same process does life begin in every part of the universe fitted to sustain it. The course of development involves a gradual improvement in living forms, which by irregular steps rise higher and higher in the scale of being. We have every reason to believe that this is the case wherever life exists. It is therefore perfectly reasonable to suppose that beings, not only animated, but endowed with reason, inhabit countless worlds in space. It would, indeed, be very inspiring could we learn by actual observation what forms of society exist throughout space and see the members of such societies enjoying themselves by their warm firesides. But this is, so far as we can now see, entirely beyond the possible reach of our race, so long as it is confined to a single world.—Professor Simon Newcomb in Harper's Magazine.

The Saucy Wren.

The mother wren, with her saucy tail tilted at a saucy angle, loved to come around the lattices and porches of the house to make her home.

A gray haired gentleman sitting quietly reading on his front porch one morning watched her with a mixture of amusement and affection till she flitted out of view.

Presently he felt the flutter of wings around his head, and then a pair of small feet rested there. It was the wren.

A most vigorous pulling and tugging at his hair betrayed the purpose of the enterprising little bird. When she had secured what she could carry of the soft white hair she flew away.—Pearson's.

The Father of Odessa.

A French emigre was the father of Odessa in Russia. He was the Duc de Richelieu of the line of the famous cardinal, who left France in the troublous days of the revolution and entered the Russian service. He was the governor of Odessa about a century ago. He found it little better than a fishing village and left it as it was developing into a flourishing seaport. In 1814, when the monarchy was restored, the Duc de Richelieu returned to his native land and became one of Louis XVIII's ministers. He died in 1821. In Odessa a statue is erected to his memory.

Meningitis in Animals.

Veterinary surgeons know, but the general public probably does not, that some animals are as liable to meningitis as are human beings. Goats and horses are the principal sufferers in the dumb creation, and from them the infection may be transmitted to man. In horses the disease is known as "hydrocephalus acutus." Of horses affected with the disease, 75 per cent die, and the remainder have a chronic tendency to relapse.—London Globe.

Still Unemployed.

"Is your son working?" asked the neighbor.

"Not yet," answered Farmer Corn-tassel.

"Can't he get a job?"

"He ain't satisfied with a job. He wants a position."—Washington Star.

About Time.

Father (of large family)—My dear, isn't it about time you were thinking of getting married? Daughter—Heavens! I haven't thought of anything else for years.—Illustrated Bits.

Idleness is the burial of living man.—Jeremy Taylor.

THE FRIGATE BIRD.

It Has the Greatest Wing Power of Any Flying Animal.

It has been demonstrated that the wing area of different flying creatures varies from about forty-nine square feet per pound of weight in the gnat and five square feet in the swallow to half a square foot per pound of weight in the Australian crane. The frigate bird has the most wonderful wing power of any of the flying animals, being able to cut the air at the rate of 100 miles an hour and live continually on the wing day and night for a week or ten days. Ornithologists of note even give it as their opinion that a healthy individual of this species would be equal to the task of making a trip around the world without once closing its wings in rest. It is also claimed that some species can remain motionless in the air for hours without flapping their wings. That they can exert three times the horsepower per pound of weight that a man can and about the same amount more than a horse. It is, without question, a fact that birds in general can exert physical energy that is without parallel in nature. It is generally supposed that birds are lighter, bulk for bulk, than other animals, but repeated experiments have proved that there are no grounds upon which to base such an opinion.

HOSPITABLE FOLKS.

One Never Beholds a Small Dining Table in Brazil.

The Brazilians are a most hospitable people. Although they have large families, they take in all their stray, unfortunate relatives. It is not unusual to find households of twenty-four persons or more. Ofttimes the host and hostess have no children, and the family is made up of sisters and cousins and relatives-in-law. One never sees a small dining table in Brazil. It is always a very long board in a very large room. When it is not to be all occupied the cloth is spread only at one end. No effort is made at artistic effects. Rigid rules for table deportment are not observed. You will not gain the frowning enmity of your hostess if you splash her table linen with wine. If she notices it at all she will think good naturedly that these things cannot be helped.

Bread comes by the yard to eat with coffee in the morning. The midday breakfast is begun with salad and ends with guayaba jelly, cheese and a delicious little cup of black coffee.

Dinner is a repetition of breakfast in dishes and in order of serving, excepting that soup is substituted for salad at the beginning and more desserts are offered.

THE TOOTHBRUSH TREE.

An Accommodating Little Plant That Grows Only in Jamaica.

The toothbrush was brown, brown alike in handle and bristles, and its shape was uncouth.

"It is a homemade article," said its owner. "It grew on a little tree, a toothbrush tree. They have a toothbrush tree in Jamaica. As we go out to pluck a peach or a pear, so the Jamaican goes out and plucks a toothbrush."

"Literally, of course, he doesn't pluck a toothbrush. He cuts off a twig and raves out one end into bristles. The wood, you see, is somewhat saponaceous, like slippery elm, and it has an aromatic flavor like dentifrice. It makes a toothbrush of good quality."

"The bark of this singular tree is often ground into tooth powder. Here, is a box of the ground bark. It smells good, doesn't it? Though it makes no lather, it keeps the teeth very white."

"Jamaica is undoubtedly the only country in the world where you can go out and pluck not only your toothbrush, but your dentifrice, from a tree."—Chicago Chronicle.

Buried in Wax.

King Edward I. of England died July 7, 1307, and 400 years later the English Society of Antiquarians opened his tomb in order to find out if he really had been buried in wax, as the legend ran. The chronicler of the time remarks, "To their great astonishment, they found the royal corpse to appear as represented by the historian." Although "the skull appeared bare, the face and hands seemed perfectly entire." The king was found to be six feet two inches in length, thus fully justifying his nickname of Longshanks.

Wanted Her Money's Worth.

Mme. Parvenu—Can I get you and your orchestra to play at my soiree next Thursday night?

Orchestra Leader—Certainly.

Mme. Parvenu—Well, you may consider yourself engaged. But I want to make arrangements to hire you by the piece. Do you understand? The last time I engaged you by the hour, and your men took advantage of it and played slow, soft things most of the time.

A Raft at Sea.

Mrs. Chugwater—This paper says the passengers escaped on a raft. How could they make a raft at sea? Mr. Chugwater—They could use the ship's log, couldn't they? Why don't you use your own reasoning faculties once in awhile?—Chicago Tribune.

Wheat and Oats.

While the millionaire is making money in wheat his son is often blowing it on wild oats.—Tom Watson's Magazine.

An irritable man has, like a hedgehog, rolled up the wrong way, tormenting himself with his own prickles.—Hood.

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